

HOUSE BILL 1348

By Matlock

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63
and Title 68, relative to disclosures by certain
health care providers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-304(c), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following as a new subdivision (2):

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1), a hospital is permitted to disclose the immigration status of a patient, if it is known, on request so long as no identifiable health information is disclosed concerning the patient. The disclosure authorized by this subdivision is permitted only so long as the disclosure does not violate applicable federal law, including the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.